Michael Jeremiah Wheeler Arrested After Robbery Spree



Michael J. Wheeler ARRESTED

Felton, Middletown, Wilmington, Delaware — The Delaware State Police have arrested Michael J. Wheeler, 39 of Wilmington and charged him in connection with a series of robberies he committed at multiple banks over the past two weeks.

In each of the above incidents, Wheeler presented the teller with a note demanding money. While no weapon was displayed, Wheeler did imply he was armed in at least one incident. After obtaining cash the male fled from the bank. There were no

injuries. In addition, there were four robberies that had occurred between July 16, 2019, and August 6, 2019, in-out-of state jurisdictions related to the robbery pattern that occurred in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

On Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at approximately 2:00 p.m. Criminal Investigators with the assistance of the Marshals Task Force apprehended Michael J. Wheeler in the area of Rivers End Drive. He was taken into custody and transported back to the Troop 2 where detectives charged him with the below-listed charges. Wheeler was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and was committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of \$70,000.00 secured bond.

- Robbery First Degree
- Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony
- Two Counts of Robbery Second Degree
- Robbery Second Degree (Middletown Police Department)
- Attempted Robbery Second Degree

August 2, 2019, Robbery at the WSFS Bank located at 105 Irish Hill Road, Felton, Delaware

August 5, 2019, Robbery at the M&T Bank located at the 399 East Main, Middletown, Delaware

August 5, 2019, Robbery at the Wells Fargo located at 814 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, Delaware

August 8, 2019, Attempted Robbery at the TD Bank located at 2502 Marsh Road, Wilmington, Delaware

UPDATE #3 Wanted Bank Robbery Suspect Commits Additional Robbery

UPDATE #2-Reward Offered Bank Robbery Suspect Identified-Still at Large

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<u>Troopers Investigating Bank Robbery - North Wilmington</u>

UPDATE-Suspect Photos Released Troopers Investigating Bank Robbery - Felton

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